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Spacecraft designer Dr. Maxime Faget dies at 83

The man who designed the original spacecraft for Project Mercury, Dr. Maxime A. Faget, died Saturday at age 83. In 1958 Faget became part of the Space Task Group that later evolved into the NASA Johnson Space Center. He is credited with contributing to the designs of every U.S. human spacecraft from Mercury to the Space Shuttle.

Bldg. 4610 cafeteria closed Oct. 11-15; reopens Oct. 18.

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NASA memorial service Friday to honor Gordon Cooper Jr.

ASA will honor the life of Gordon Cooper Jr., with a memorial service at 10 a.m. CDT Friday at Johnson Space Center in Houston. NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, long-time associates and family friends will pay tribute to Cooper, who died last week at age 77. The service will be shown on NASA TV. Cooper was one of the original seven Mercury astronauts.